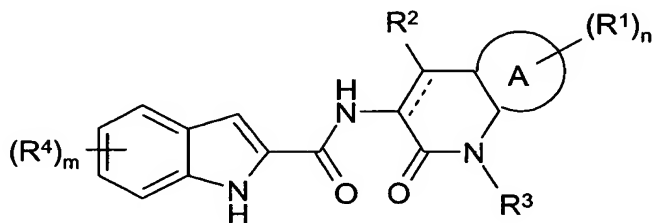


ABSTRACT**INDOLE-AMIDE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS GLYCOGEN
PHOSPHORYLASE INHIBITORS**

Heterocyclic amides of formula (1)



(1)

wherein:

— is a single or double bond;

A is phenylene or heteroarylene;

m is 0, 1 or 2;

n is 0, 1 or 2;

R¹ is selected from for example halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy;

R² is hydrogen, hydroxy or carboxy;

R³ is selected from for example hydrogen, hydroxy, aryl, heterocyclyl and

C₁₋₄alkyl(optionally substituted by 1 or 2 R⁸ groups);

R⁴ is independently selected from for example hydrogen, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy,

C₁₋₄alkyl, and C₁₋₄alkanoyl;

R⁸ is selected from for example hydroxy, -COCOOR⁹, -C(O)N(R⁹)(R¹⁰), -NHC(O)R⁹, (R⁹)(R¹⁰)N- and -COOR⁹;

R⁹ and R¹⁰ are selected from for example hydrogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄alkyl (optionally substituted by 1 or 2 R¹³);

R¹³ is selected from hydroxy, halo, trihalomethyl and C₁₋₄alkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or pro-drug thereof; possess glycogen

phosphorylase inhibitory activity and accordingly have value in the treatment of

disease states associated with increased glycogen phosphorylase activity. Processes

for the manufacture of said heterocyclic amide derivatives and pharmaceutical compositions containing them are described.